

Positive Pressure Ventilation Device (April 2013)

Item:

To include both manual and mechanical devices:

- Bag Valve Mask
- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)
- Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP)
- Manually Triggered Ventilators (MTV)

Classification:

- Basic Life Support procedure
- Specified in existing regulations

Use and Level:

- EMR limited to use of manual positive pressure devices only.
- Authorized for all levels of EMT as basic scope of practice.

Authority:

- Section 100063(a)(6)(E) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows EMT to provide both manual and mechanical ventilation.
- Section 100106(a) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations refers to AEMTs being able to provide any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.
- Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.

Training:

As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider. Proper training with ventilation device before use in the field.

Equipment:

- Properly functioning ventilation device
- Appropriate airway adjunct
- Alternate form of positive pressure ventilation available.

Medical Direction:

Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).

Considerations and Recommendations:

Does not include Automatic Transport Ventilators.